



## Fashion finds are revealed to the public in Galleria Mall of the Mar Azul complex

Friday evening was a night of fun and fashion as the Galleria Mall unveiled the first two shops to open in what will surely be, once completed, one of the most beautiful shopping centers in Aruba.

Mar Azul, which is principally a luxury condominium complex, has incorporated a multi-tiered mall into its construction, which will eventually be home to many beautiful shops offering a unique array of goods situated amongst open air cafes and elegant eateries.

*Retro Chic* and *Passion 4 Beauty* were the in spots to meet and greet on Friday night for Aruba's young, fashion-minded crowd. *Retro Chic*, located on the first floor has a very unique collection of designer clothes and accessories that define the term... *Retro Chic*. Plasma screens display videos of models parading down Paris runways wearing the clothes found on the racks, demonstrating to shopper show to put together "the look." Famous labels such as Kimikal, Jeffrey Campbell, Revamp Productions, Trophy Queen, Michelle Monroe, Betsey Johnson, Frankie B, True Religion, Z-Brand, Taverniti, Femme Metal, Glam Rock, and Little Earth offer the exciting look that is a modern day echo of designers past. Owners Dorilles Rafini and her husband Giovanni, who are famous on Aruba for Underground Cycles, have devoted this shop to women only, but still maintain much of the fashion flavor of their famous first store.

After browsing the shelves of *Retro Chic*, many made their way to the mezzanine to admire the view of Oranjestad Harbor and congratulate Sharinne Rasmijn on the opening of her shop, *Passion 4 Beauty*. A project that is obviously close to her heart, Sharinne was excited to display her collection of jewelry that she designs with a colleague from London, and a number of the pieces that she personally makes by hand. She revealed that most of her jewelry designs are realized by an artist in Arizona, and for a distinctive and individual fashion statement, her collection of accessories is just what a stylish woman seeks. Additionally adorning the shelves is an assortment of adorable handbags that are not only very reasonably priced, as is the jewelry, but irresistible. The shop is well worth the walk up the stairs, as is the breathtaking view of the harbor to be found on the second level.

On the second level is a soon to open gourmet coffee shop that will allow customers to sip a latte while enjoying the view and a rest from shopping. The Galleria Mall has taken advantage of their location to construct a delightful place to shop, dine, and enjoy Aruba, and it is now finally open for business.